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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioners Clyburn, Baker, Copps, McDowell, & Chairman Genachowski:

Why would you consider even one regulatory rule to hinder one of the few *globally* expanding areas of information and communication technology? I am pondering this question as I listen to the banter in the press about how there needs to be increased competition in the wireless industry and how handsets from some manufacturers are monopolizing applications. This is nonsense. I have been in this industry over 30 years and if you do not reflect back on its history, you will not see how futile this restrictive action will be!

After the Carter Act we started pushing connectivity to the Bell System's network. The exponential growth of technology and innovation cannot be matched in any other industry with this regulatory reform. The uncoupling of the Bell System and the creation of the 'baby Bells' and the 1996 Telecom Act stifled the largest creative research company in the world – Bell Labs' focus was changed to a defensive posture and the plethora of creative technologies became a dribble from the research facility and the competitors created giant leaps in applications and tools used on the network (e.g., voice processing, computer-telephony integration systems).

The wireless industry's recent past as an unfettered segment of our industry has shown remarkable growth, competition, and innovation in technologies and applications. It has moved from a circuit-based environment to a packet-based network faster than we moved from rotary dial to DTMF signaling! As I see the press concerning questions of the iPhone and competitive issues associated with the carrier selectivity in its distribution, I note that competition has flipped this argument on its head with the introduction of the Google Nexus product – all without government intervention.

Hold the laws, hold the restrictions. Let the one robust market in our industry drive the creativity and competition for mobile information and communication technologies. If there are to be laws,

I would argue we should be providing ones with tax incentives or other financial drivers to push market penetration and network enhancements. Historically, it has changed the way our industry has developed. Let's invest, not restrict this industry.

Regards,

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